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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY CHIEF BUTHELEZI

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1. EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL SIGNALS DURING PAST MONTHS FROM BUTHELEZI SUPPORTERS WHO BELIEVE US SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CHIEF'S MANY ACTIVITIES. THIS HAS PROMPTED US TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF BUTHELEZI'S RELATIONS WITH USG IN A MESSAGE (DURBAN A-60) WHICH WILL REACH DEPARTMENT EARLY DURING WEEK OF JULY 25. DEPT MAY WISH TO REVIEW OUR ASSESSMENT BEFORE REPLYING TO REFTEL. GIVEN RECENT BACKGROUND OF OUR RELATIONS, EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THAT MBATHA'S APPROACH REPRESENTS ENGINEERED ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC USG SUPPORT FOR BUTHELEZI'S PERSONAL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. GIVEN THE ATTENTION PAID TO BUTHELEZI IN HIS MOST RECENT TRIP TO THE US, INCLUDING A WELL-PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, WE WOULD NOT FAVOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE SEMINAR SUGGESTED. OF COURSE, IF SOME OF BUTHELEZI'S FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES ARE ABLE TO INTEREST

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A FOUNDATION OR UNIVERSITY IN ORGANIZING SUCH A SEMINAR, WE SHOULD NOT STAND IN THEIR WAY.

2. LONDON REFTEL DOES POINT UP ONE SPECIAL PROBLEM WE FACE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BUTHELEZI: THIS BEING THAT HE AND HIS LIEUTENANTS HAVE LONG BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO CONTACT THE USG THROUGH A NUMBER OF CHANNELS ON AN ARRAY OF PROPOSALS

AND REQUESTS. QUESTION OF USG COORDINATION ASIDE, THIS
PROCEDURE INVARIABLY RAISES THE QUESTION WHETHER BUTHELEZI
IS COGNIZANT OF HIS SUBORDINATES' ACTIVITIES AND ENDORSES
THEM; OR WHETHER BUTHELEZI HIMSELF BELIEVES HE MAY DERIVE
COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE FROM CONTACTING USG THROUGH SO MANY
DIFFERENT AVENUES. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING FOR SOME MONTHS
THE ADVISABILITY OF REQUESTING BUTHELEZI TO REDUCE THE NUMBER
OF CONTACT CHANNELS (TO MYSELF OR DCM NELSON IN PRETORIA
AND CONGEN FARBER IN DURBAN) TO ENSURE PROPER COORDINATION
BETWEEN USG AND CHIEF. THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD
APPEAR TO OFFER AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS
QUESTION WITH BUTHELEZI WHICH, SUBJECT TO THE DEPT'S COMMENT
OR OTHER SUGGESTIONS, I OR CONGEN FARBER WOULD DO.
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